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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1900.

Mr. Gage in Deep Water. The re-ponse of Secretary Gage to the Bank and his peculiar course in connection with the sale of the New York Custom House to that institution, is now before the country. As an effort to defend his methods and actions the document is a dismal failure. As an exposure of the business connection between the Administration and the trust magnates who became its political creditors in 1896, it is an amazing suc-

The defence, instead of affording the Republican leaders in Congress an excuse for attempting to smether the scandal, has simply paralyzed them by its weakness, amounting to puerility. To say that it has made a bad matter worse would be putting the case mildly. It has more than justified the most severe criticisms that have been spoken or printed regarding Mr. Gage and his conduct in the premises, since the first unpleasant breach of suspicion began to taint the national atmosphere. Some of the Republican Senators affect a flippant manner respecting the uncanny business and say that, now the Secretary was an-But they know better. Action of a kind inconvenient to the Standard Oil Bank and be prevented in the House, and Executive power over that body, of course, can preent the enactment of punitive measures most of the attributes of an independent, feliberative organization.

the Senate. Administration Senators may time, thick that they can sit still, take their medicine, and reply not, neither make wry faces: but we do not think them able to sustain such a test, however much silence able propositions. If they are silent, the country will be apt to say that "silence gives consent," and the country is not in a condition of absolute political atrophy just now, and cannot be safely ignored.

Mr. Gage's best friends and thick-andthin applogists are a tonished that he has not been able to construct a better story to cover his course. Accused of a violation of law made criminal by the language of the statute, in depositing money utside of the Treasury which it was mandatory upon him to cover into the Treasury, he resorts to the pitiable subterfuge of stating that it has been "the established

of custom, during past Administrations. It mercy of an irresponsible incompetent. is quite safe to say that if anything of the liable at any minute to commit some act kind had been found, it would appear in which would place half the castles and company with the plea of defence; but manor houses of England and Scotland in nothing in the line mentioned appears to mourning. So there is no question have been offered. He does not tell us what one or more of his predecessors in office "established" the custom of considring money loaned to banks without interest, and which they were notoriously loaning to the public at interest, as money in the Treasury within the meaning of law. He leaves us in the dark as to the peronality of the legal luminaries who have advised such a conception and practice, and they have had the sanction of the Supreme Court. On the contrary, Mr. Gage is bound to know that on November for the court, rendered an opinion, reafited in designated depositories of the United States is not thereby covered into the Treasury.

cific acts of questionable regularity in relahas the assurance to treat the transaction find any warrant in that authority for his time for either to study the country and surprising conduct in "selling" the proper- to get ready for hostilities. ty to the Standard Oil Bank, and going

is undelivered." Nice arrangement to be any immediately feasible flank movement made between a Secretary of the Treasury that Buller could attempt.

ind a tax-dodging trust! rent for the Custom House, after the os-He explains that no rent has been paid pending an appropriation for that purpose; but we do not find that he depies an agreement to pay rent from the date of the transaction, and the public will hardly fail to infer that such an agreement, which is admitted, was in the nature of an offset to the interest which the bank was to pay for the purchase price left undelivered in its hands, so that the full amount should

today. As we have hitherto remarked, stand the strain of his position. He too, between office hours. On the theory o its hopes next November.

Congressional resolutions of enquiry con- an excellent military authority as Col. W. cerning his deals with the Standard Oil C. P. Breekinridge is quite confident that poster type character was certain to occur.

Although it may be hoping against hope, when two such generals as W. C. P. Breckinridge and Jack Chinn are reported as marshaling their forces in Frankfort, we still entertain some idea that revolution may yet be averted. In this hope there is little doubt that the ers have hardly had time to forget what unpleasant results happened to Mr. masses suffered on account of his use of to mount the retiring shelf of the Vice

Federal treops in Chicago. ing a government upon it, repudiated and the cheerful cry of "McKinley and Pros- by the Republicans. declared illegal by its legislature and its perity." This year we presume the sentiby Congress. But other things are Hable courts. Between the Treasury standals ment will be a spot or two higher, and self-announced withdrawal from the Vice impossible while the Senate still preserves | in Kentucky, there must be a good deal of | Bliss!" measiness fust now in the inner circles. That is a fair inference from the abrupt Nothing can prevent a reasonably full manner in which Mr. Hanna treats at-

The recall of Lieutenant General Lord Methuen is regarded as certain and will no doubt be officially announced in London tostatements of officers with whom he has quarreled and sent home, and scores of letters from members of his command, the nates to do that. British public has come to the painful con-Details concerning the wicked ordering

that Methuen will be arrested in his career, as soon as an order of supersession can be served upon him. It is reported that Sir Charles Warren will be named as his successor; but this is not certain.

The mental or physical incapacities of end with Methuen. It is now said that Sir Redvers Buller is on the verge of collapse, and that it may be necessary to invalid him, and send him home. If true, this depressing story may account for the scemingly paretic character of his operations since he entered Natal. Whether true last, Mr. Justice McKenna, speaking or not, he appears unlikely to inaugurate any independent movement, now that Field firming an earlier one, that money depos- Marshal Lord Roberts has arrived in the theatre of war. It is still possible that he has planned and is executing a strategic movement of some kind, but the opin The Secretary's attempts to cover his spe-ific acts of questionable regularity in relation to the Custom House deal, are particu- and writers, who, indeed, have had little larly and painfully feeble and pitiful. He ground for it, beyond that of obvious necessity, and the suggestions of the situ as if it had been undertaken and effected ation on the Tugela Line. If Buller is under the general act of 1864, whereas he simply holding his camps, and has not knows, and Congress and the country know, moved, there will be another dangerous that it was subject to a special act passed delay, which would present the prospects for the specific purpose of this identical of Ladysmith in anything but a promising sale, and his duty in the matter was plainly light. Roberts or Kitchener might reach detailed in the text of the law. He cannot Cheveley in a few days, but it would take

The army in Natal is represented as disthrough the form of accepting a partial heartened and suspicious of its commandpayment of \$3,215,000, without one cent of ers, who have not shown their men any the money ever leaving the vaults of the ability to lead. At the outset, Buller was bank. Nor can he probably excuse with badly outmaneuvred by Joubert. The formuch success what looks like collusion be- mer, we are inclined to think, might have tween nimself and the Standard Oil Bank occupied and fortified Inhlawe Mountain, to deprive the city of New York of its just when his right rested unopposed at Weeright to tax realty owned by citizens of nen. But Joubert sent Schalk-Burger

If the reports of Saturday's "demonstra-Mr. Gage is not happier in his effort tion" against Colenso are to be trusted, to clear himself of the charge of paying there is little encouragement to hope for anything in the way of British success at tensible sale and the pretended payment. the hends of Sir Redvers Buller. It is now alleged that the Boers were almost entirely absent from the centre, having been withdrawn for the assault on Ladysmith, and that when Clery moved up the commando at Springfield had to be called

former powers and privileges of the religgore will begin to flow within a very few ed and maintained, and that new parishes tion of the slow progress the Republican ing a newspaper man not to go away as the peace of the Island of Luzon can never ganization of the Senate staff along parti-

help him. The star of Thomas the Easy is again Presidency, and continue to make war at vating one for the Administration. The victory the New York Boss has been com-

Our admiration for the intellectual Nothing can prevent a reasonably full manner in which Mr. Habia treats at discussion of the offence and defence in tempts to interview him at the present undergoing a diminuendo movement. In a speech at Depug he is alleged to have been obtained. But leading the speech at Denver he is alleged to have ouraged and could be wiped out by the an attempt would probably be to drive the magnates over the Atlantic to spend day. On the evidence of official reports, the their American earnings among the nowould not hurt the feelings of the mag-

tion, we may not be disturbed in this respect. We should like to remain a United States depositary as at present. Of course the bank is very strong, and if you will take pains to look at our list of directors.

Connecticut Democrats.—Judge D. A. De Armond, the clear-headed and incisive you will see that we also have very great political claims in view of what was done

list of directors of the bank as 10110wa.

O. Havemeyer, President of the Sugar
Rockefeller, President of Trust; William Rockefeller, President of the Standard Off Company of New York; W. D. Sloane, banker and Vanderbilt representative: James H. Post, broker of the Sugar Trust and Director of the National Sagar Refining Company; Robert Bacon, member of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan, ond syndicate, also director in the Copp bond syndicate, also director in the Copper Trust; Jacob H. Schiff, Chairman of the Union Pacific Refunding Syndicate; Stephen S. Palmer, National Zinc Trust; Samuel Sloane, director in a number of railroads; Cleveland H. Dodge, of the Copper Trust, and director in Copper Queen Consolidated Company, and H. Walter Webb, then Vice President of the New York Central. The "World" interviewed Mr. Hepburn in regard to the letter. He said he did not remember ever having written such a document.

# Fields for the Pathander.

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(From the Denver Post.)

It has frequently been claimed that after the exploration of Africa there was no more of the world that could be called unexplored. To be sure, there are no more new continents awaiting exploration, and there are no islands to be discovered and explored, and if we except the poles there is nothing left worth looking after. But there are regions in the known and inhabited parts of the world as unknown as the Rocky Mountain country was when Fike first came here or when Lewis and Clark made their way through it to the Pacific. Although we have been in possession of Alaska now to a generation, no one will claim that it has over been thoroughly explored. Australia's interior no explorer has yet set foot, and what is known is mostly derived from hearsay. There are vast unknown regions in China and there is Tibet still awaiting exploration. It will take a good part of the century about to commence to acquire an accurate knowledge of all these parts of the globe we know are thery, but of whee condition we remain in ignorance.

A Municipal Experiment.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

The Municipal Council of fige borough of St. Releiv's, Lancashire, England, has apparently taken a new step in the evolution of municipal cownership of public utilifities. For some years the gas works have belonged to the municipality. This year, in order to increase the use of gas the proper of the Car of all the gas works have belonged to the municipality. The Car of all the Russias is a broken and discovered man.

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POLITICAL NOTES AND GOSSIP.

"Private Citizen Heath."-The Hon. Perry S. Heath, Assistant Postmaster Gen eral of the United States, is said to claim the privilege of being a "private citizen" between the hours of 4 o'clock in the after noon and 9 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Heath is not known to have filed a caveat on the claim until Representative W. E. Benton of Missourl was reported to be preparing charges against him for violating the Civil Service law by accepting the to Colenso. If this be true, it is a rea- chiefship of the Hanna second-term lit sonable deduction that an attack in force erary bureau while holding a Federal ofmight have produced good results. But fice. Forthwith Mr. Heath is said to have it seems that Clery's movement was con- been summoned to the White House and be free for use by Gio bank unburdened fined strictly to what it has been bitterly told to resign from the campaign commitby any charges.

A great deal more might be said on this deplorable scandal, but the points to which we have called attention will suffice for it is not Lyman J. Gage alone who is before the bar of national opinion. It will not exercise the ghost of the terrible revelations for his associates or his party to peter men to replace them is an anxious of the control of him associated or his party to the control of him associated or his party to the control of him associated or his party to the control of him the literary bureau as a control of him to his own when the Postoffice Department is closed, the Assistant Postmaster General, it is stated, suggested to Mr. McKinley that there could be no objection to his working in the literary bureau as a control of him to his own when the Postoffice Department is closed, the Assistant Postmaster General, it is stated, suggested to Mr. McKinley that there could be no objection to his working in the literary bureau as a lations for his associates or his party to make a scapegoat of him. The whole Administration is under public indictment, and it will have to stand trial. It would better make what defence it can, and give hostages for amendment. Otherwise there may be highly depressing results to its hopes next November.

Detent men to replace them is an anxious on for the London war authorities. The South African spectacle presented by the despatches today, from a British point of the also winked and chuckled. The Hon. M. E. Benton is, likewise, said to be winking and chuckled approval. The Hon. M. E. Benton is, likewise, said to be winking and chuckled approval. It would appear that Monsignor Chapelle. It would appear that Monsignor Chapelle, the Papal Delegate to the Philippines, The War in "centucky.

Perhaps the press and public have been too confident that what are called "better counsels" would prevail in Kentucky, and that Mr. Hanna's henchmen in that State would not resort to riot and bloodshed to overturn the legislature and the court of appeals. It will be noted at least that such an excellent military authority as Col. W. eral Perry Heath as the former humble in

shall be organized for their bearfit. As Senators are making in the proposed recrbe established while the quarrel between san lines it is stated that there is stubborn the inhabitants and the friars is unset- opposition to the selection of Gen. James S. tled, it is rather a tough job that Monsig- Clarkson to succeed Secretary Cox. Senanor Chapelle has undertaken, and is per- tor Allison is said to be deliberately dehaps beyond the reasonable ability of any laying caucus action until he overcomes the single man to complete. Perhaps some antagonism to General Clarkson. It is Congressional investigation into the reported that Senstors Platt and Degrounds and merits of the disagreement be- pew refuse to accept Senator Alli-Administration shares. Republican lead- tween the natives and the orders might son's dictum that General Clarkson is New York's candidate for the secretaryship. Clarkson has been for so many years prom-Harrison's Administration in consequence of the Homestead outbreak, or how badly a political quietus to the aspirations in the sacendant! He has managed to give a political quietus to the aspirations their State is entitled to the place, some-Mr. Cleveland's reputation among the of Mr. Elihu Root, who will now decline body of their selection and whose identity is distinguished with Empire State Repub-licanism should not be chosen. It is claimed that they have decidedly the best of the Of course, the situation is an aggra- the old stand. But in accomplishing this argument on this score, and that sine vating one for the Administration. The loss of Kentucky as a, Republican State, with the advantages of the Goebel election law to keep it so next autumn, would be a serious matter. But, on the other hand, so would it be quite as, if not more, serious to send the regular array into a machine-made stomach is a sort of a para-commonwealth for the purpose of impus
tyictory the New York Boss has been completely consequenced by the Cheefful cry of Welkinley and Prossible to suffer loss and damage to his displayed to his displayed to suffer loss and damage to his displayed and the loss of the Senator Allison has slated Alonzo Stewart, whose lowa citizenship is unquestioned, for segeant-at-arms be should not try to completely lewaize the Senate staff by putting the two chief places in the hands of "Hawleye" men. The dispute two chief places in the hands of "Hawleye" men. The dispute two chief places in the hands of "Hawleye" men. The dispute two chief places in the hands of "Hawleye" men. The dispute two chief places in the hands of "Hawleye" men. The dispute two chief places in the hands of "Hawleye" men. The dispute two chief places in the hands of "Hawleye" men. The dispute two chief places in the hands of "Hawle Senator Allison has slated Alonzo Stewart

"Harmony" at Last .- Secretary Root' and the threatened Republican rebellion that the slogan will be: "McKinley and Presidential contest and the acceptance by Mr. McKinley of Cornelius N. Briss for running mate indicate that at last the greatness of President Hidley, of Yale, is tion's friends have been pleading has recommended that trusts should be dissimple process of social ostracism applied hands large wisps of hair and incarnadined their officers. The net result of such attempt would probably be to drive Elihu Root in the scrimmage that produced the "harmony." Some of the red specks upon Mr. Platt's coat sleeves doubtbility of Europe, and we are afraid that is would not hurt the feelings of the mantion. Mr. Root's jaunty intimation that he intends to remain at the head of the War clusion that Methuen is a madman, and that to leave him longer in a position of responsibility means defeat and the murder of his soldiers.

The National City Bank Had a Strong Political Backing.

Department through the next Administration, is, of course, subject to revision according to the hints of Platt's friends, They say that if Mr. Root "will be good" Mr. Platt may not rudely disturb the serenity of his dreams; but that if he gets "gay" the lawness of the Platt may not good the platt may not rudely disturb the serenity of his dreams; but that if he gets "gay" the lawness of the Platt may not good of the Department through the next Administra-Political Backing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The "World," clamps of the Platt machine may again be Details concerning the wicked ordering of the Highland Brigade, under Major General Wauchope, to certain destruction at Magarsfontein, show that the fated Scotch officer argued with Lord Methuen against the movement all night, and fingular to the Major of the Platt machine may again be put on Mr. McKinley and the Secretary of War would soon conclude that he prefers his lucrative law practice in New York to the harsaments of a Cabinet portfolio. It is not certain, so it is said, that a part of the deal by which Bliss has been selected. of stating that it has been "the established custom of Treasury officials, under the counsel of their legal advisers, supported by decisions of the Supreme Court, to consider moneys on deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in designated depositories as money in the Treasure."

Treasurer of the United States in Condition more explicitly. When it is remembered that his force includes the strice battalions of the Household Brigade, and several of the Cache cavalry regions. For nearly a week the clerical force of the Treasury Department has been hunting for precedents, and favorable evidence.

Representative from Missouri, was the principal orator at the Jackson Day ce'ebration at New Haven, Conn. Judge De Armond says he was surprised by both the size and the genuine enthusiasm of the crowd that turned out to hear him. He believes there is now in progress a big revival of Democratic sentiment in Connec-ticut, and, while he is too conservative to make predictions, so far in advance of the election, it is evident from the general tenor of his remarks that he would not he astonished should the Nutmeg State go Democratic in November.

# Homes for Workingmen.

Homes for Workingmen.

(From the London Star.)

"I should like to put one on every squarmile in London—in a very little while they would all be full. The difficulty is to get land." This what Lord Rowton Bouse—in which a bed an more than all the comforts of a home can be enjoyed for 12 cents a night—has just been opened Lord Rowton is delighted with the complete success of his houses. He is particularly please that an experiment in the way of improving sol diers' barracks on the plan of the Rowton House is to be tried, experimentally first in Dublin "We have in our houses," he said, "lots of reservence and we hear them say, "If only it was like this in the barracks there'd be no difficulty about men and we hear them say. If only it was like this in the baracks there it he no difficulty about recruiting them. Again a man may want to say a prayer or do something of that sort, and how is he to do it with a room full of fellows: jeering him? With our barracks built like this we shall not only get more soldiers, but they will be better soldiers. The Hamersmith House, planted on what was an old garden with a fine mulberry free in it, was opened on December 2 to the first \$90 men, who, as Lord Rowton puts it, "have 12 cents in their pocket and are prepared to behave as men."

### WAR SUPPLIES FOR ENGLAND. The Dependence of the British on

America for Necessities. The war in South Africa has shown the extent not expected at the outbreak of 1, 1900, that the ground rents will be hostilties with the Beers. Millions of dol- raised from \$350 a year to \$750. and the other Western beef packers, but they were told to make whatever com-Nearly all of this money has gone for pre-plaints they had in writing, and these served meat of some kind. The statistics would be forwarded to Mr. Astor. btained today at the Treasury Depart. Many tenants have been in poss of wheat and other grain to England within the last six months, and shipments of flour to Cape Town that have never before been equaled. Canada and the other British colonies have sent large quantities of the property for from twenty to forty years, having bougat it on a mortgage and succeeded in paying off nearly if not all of the mortgage, only to find them selves at an old age in a fair way to be deprived of the savings of a lifetime.

The greater number affected by the inhave not been confined to the ports of any

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have not been confined to the ports of any one locality. The reports at the Treasury \$1.800 a year when all the rooms and the Department show that from New Orleans stores on the ground floors are constantly 9,850 mules valued at \$150 each were ahipped together with forage, harness, wagons. ped together with forage, harness, wagons, pack saddles, and other paraphernalia, valued at \$233,000. From New Orleans also went commissary supplies from the South western packing houses, that were worth on the invoice \$176,552.

Mules and horses were also shipped from Charleston, S. C., and one transport load was sent from Pensacola, Fla. Agents of the British Government are still purchasing horses and mules in the Southwest, and the number given will be largely increased before the war is ended. The greater amount of the commissary supplies has been shipped from New York, Philladelphia, and Baltimore. Ship loads have ped together with forage, harness, wagons.

nas been snipped from New York, Phila-delphia, and Baltimore. Ship loads have been going from these ports since early in the fall. A great deal of hay has been shipped from Boston and from Brooklyn. The British stamship Hortensius left The British steamship Hortensius left. Barber & Co.'s pler in Brooklyn yesterday with 25,000 bales of hay. This is the second skip in three weeks despatched by Berber & Co. from that port for South Africa. Day before yesterday the steamship Miemac left Boston, chartered by the British Admiralty, for Cape Town, carrying 1,300 tons of baled hay and a miscellarge expression of the Document of the Seventeenth Ward, in which the property lies, said that the increase in the ground rentals would further tend to depreciate property in the neighborhood and would prove the ruin of many of the poorer leaseholders.

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Charles Lutz, President of the Taxpay—the payment of taxes.

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Inneous cargo of provisions.

The fact that it is possible for British authorities to send supplies to the army through the United States ports has caustistically account of the Inneous Company of the United States ports has caustistically account of the Inneous Company of t ed much comment. However, it is glaim-ed by the British authorities that under the existing agreement between the United States and Canada, merchandise can be shipped in bon's by way of American ports,

# ALCOHOL FROM ACETYLENE.

can produce aicohol from acetylene at such cost and in such quality as can render it capable of competing, as a commercial product, with alcohol produce by older and ordinary means.

"Dr. Caro admits that it, while interesting as a step in an important new field of chemical research, has no value as an industrial process."

MISSING PEOPLE OF A YEAR.

Detect ves Say They Number Eighteen or Twenty Thousand.

(From Casell's Magazine.)

The police inspector said: "About ten years ago I was watching some workmen pulling down a row of old riverside houses and I can recollect what a start it gave mewhen they showed me that nearly every house had a great trap door, through which anything coulc be dropped into the race of the tide below. Many a poor chap has gone to his death that way. I'll go bail. But I can tell you a curous thing that happened only the other day. A man had been drugged and probbed, but he toid us that before

a case the other day where a man had lived for four years within half a mile of the wife he had deserted without her finding him. A big town is the only safe place for a fellow that's 'wanted' to hide comfortably."

A person's nessn and laying its eggs under the skin, necessitating surgical attention. The soldiers were not troubled by them, however, as they prefer to devote themselves to persons who go about in bare feet.

# A Louis XV Railroad Car.

A Louis XV Railroad Car.

(From the New York Commercial Advertiser.)

"Apropos of private cars," said a sybarite bachelor, "why, the cza's car isn't 'in it' for comfort' and beauty and convenience with some of our American cars belonging to private citizens. One man I know has, in addition to smoking rooms, bathrooms and all the other luxaries, a perfectly equipped gymnasium, and the observation car in the rear is fitted with a wonderful wind harp, which discourses strange, wild music as the train speeds along. George Vanderbilt's private car used to be considered a very comfortable, not to say luxurious, affair, fitted up in carved oak and dark leather. Now oak and leather have given way to the the white and gilt woodwork and brocade panels; the principal sitting rooms and the sieeping rooms are in Louis XV style. The prevailing tints in Mrs. Vanderbilt's boudoir are nauve, apple-green and silver; the wood work is delicately carved and gilded, and the ceiling, painted by a noted artist, represents Phaetan driving the horses of the Sun. The bedgeen con-A Municipal Experiment.

A Municipal Experiment.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

The Municipal Council of the borough of St. Helen's, Lancashire, England, has apparently taken a new step in the evolution of municipal township of public utilities. For some years ment' would be made "upon the understanding, of course, that we are not to liable for any taxes or water rates upon the property as long as you remain in possessicn, and the balance of the fifty thouses send and dollars remains unpaid and the deed is and own to Mooi River, threatening the communications, cutting in between Hildyard and Pietermaritzburg and even menacing that place. Buller straights are also as a parallel little Queen of Holland is anxious about the Duich in Sount Africa, but Europe responses to pay attention.

The Car of all the Russias is a broken and support to this possible Louis XV patterns, and the side principal to the white and gitter woodwork and hreaded panels the evolution of municipal to wise, unfortunately, has spent strength in torm the evolution of municipal to the public passes in the evolution of municipal to the file borough of St. Helen's, Lancashire, England, has apparently taken a new step in the evolution of municipal to the file berough of St. Helen's, Lancashire, England, has apparently the wood work and hreating ground in the felling for the dummy check agreed upon, that the "paymaker Road, and down to Mooi River, threating the communications, cutting in between Hildyard and Pietermaritzburg and even menacing that place. Buller is the wood work and the sleeping round in the felling for the file borough of St. Helen's, Lancashire, England, has

### THE ASTORS RAISE RENTS. Lessees of Their Property in New

York Notified. NEW YORK, Jan. 11.-Notice has been great dependence England has to place served on the leaseholders of Astor properupon this country in time of trouble to an ty in this city whose leases expire on May

lars have been expended monthly for The rentals shortly to be increased are horses, mules, and forage, and nearly half for the most part on property belonging hundred million is said to have been ex- to John Jacob Astor. Many of the leasepended with Armour & Co., Swift & Co., holders have protested to the Astor agents

ment show a great increase in the export of the property for from twenty to forty

supplies to the seat of war, but the fact crease have houses in the territory bounded by Avenue A to First Avenue and present war, and in all struggles of the future, England must depend upon the United States for the bulk of the commissary and other supplies for her army.

Another owner said:
"We told the Astor agents we would buy the ground. We were answered that the property was not for sale under any circumstances. We are janitors for the Astors and nothing else."

Charles Lutz, President of the Taxpay-ers' Association of the Seventeenth Ward,

Island Incomfortable.

(From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.)
To northern men, campaigning in a trop-To northern men, campaigning in a tropical country during the rainy season, are presented many discomforts and disadvantages; but all of these, being recognized as unavoidable incidents to the climate, have been accepted by our soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico in a remarkably cheerful spirit.

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As now surveyed from New York to Buenos.

ALCOHOL FROM ACETYLENE.

Experiments Made in the Labora tories of Berlin.

Writing to the State Department on the subject of the manufacture of alcohol from acetylene. Consul General Mason at Berlin Serve.

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"Various other experiments by processed differing more or less from that of Dr. Caro have been made, but from the best information that can be obtained all have yielded alegative results—the results—in an appearance. The one is length, but there is the soft of the substitute and the produced by this method from acetylene or the production of alcohol from acetylene or the

to his death that way, I'll go bail. But I tents and amuse themselves by singing and making onslaughts on the soldiers, drawing blood every time. In the morning we would see them at the top of the tent, gorged after the banquet. In fact, these buzzards of the insect tribe spilled was when he came round again. How they had got in and robbed him he could not imagine. Well, we searched about and finally discovered that the door was really two doors, one within another. He had locked and bolted the inner door into the frame safe enough, but then the frame door itself was only another door with separate hinges of its own."

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missing is quite a short one in these days, is it not?"

"Some 18,000 to 20,000 a year! But don't look so startled. More than three-quarters of them turn up again in some way or other. You see, the list includes stray children and runaway boys to begin with. Then there are the men who get locked up at night for something or other and either are the men who get locked to their wives, with the result that the poor women rush off to the nearest station in the morning to make enquiries. Quite a number of men go and hide after quarreling with their wives. Why, I came across a case the other day where a man had lived for four years within half, a mile and some are not stating and state of the single state in the state of the men strain and the little red fellows would get between our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousands, and the little red fellows would get between our finest our mess kits by the thousand

### CURRENT HUMOR. His Taking Way.

He-Not now, dear; wait till we

### Breaking Away. (From the Boston Traveler ) Ted-Was it hard to tell Miss Prim you loved

Ned-Not very. The hard part came in a month later, when I had to tell her I had made a mistake.

(From the Atchison Globe.)

### NOTES OF THE DAY.

Boer prisoners say that the Lee-Metford bullets re deficient in stopping power. Four hundred Belgian miners have moved to Russia to work in the mines at Donetz.

The pay of English efficers, as well as men, is stopped when they are made prisoners by the

This year's famine in India covers an area of 350,000 square miles, on which is a population

A missionary paper says that 84,000 Bibles dis-tributed among the Chinese were used by then or the manufacture of firecrackers. Residents of Valparaiso, Chile, complain that the city is becoming a haven for American crooks because of the absence of extradition laws.

During the ten years in which the muzzling order was in force in England no less than 27, 690 dogs were seized. Of these 24,500 were killed The origin of Roentgen rays and Becquerel rays has not been ascertained, though 100 scientists have been termenting nature to let the secret go. The yearly repeal of the province of Zululand for IS98, recently issued, shows that the popula-tion is increasing at the rate of nearly 4,000 a

In the Drakensburg Mountains in Natal, is a

Hamburg is the richest city in Germany. Of its 625,000 inhabitants, 136,872 pay income tax, though all are exempt whose income is under 900 marks. Table Mountain at Cane Town, South Africa is a magnificent natural curie-ity. It is nearly 4,000 feet in height, and has a level top about three square nales in area.

The Spanish cruiser Emperador Carlos V has

been endered to Barcelona, where she will be used as a prison for the instigators of the opposition to the payment of taxes.

Under the new supplement to the working-man's insurance act in Germany, the increase paid to workmen's funds at the Krupp gun works alone will be \$20,000 a year.

The Baltimore Woman's Home Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has given \$1,000 toward the support of the deaconesses in Porto Rico and two in Hawrii.

Turkish women do not come into control of their private fortunes until after marriage. At-ter that they can dispose of one-third of it with-out the hosband's consent.

the pinch of Southern competition long before Fall Ri and Providence. There are 100,000,000 spip es in the world. Of these 17,570,009 are in the United States and 3,500,000 are in the Southern States.

Des aloines, Council Bluffs, Dubuque, Daven-port, and Oitumwa are to have 40 cent fuel gas w, hing three months and probably 50-cent illuminating gas, according to the promises of the Iowa By-Product Coke Company, capitalized as extention.

An English commission is busily engaged it An English commission is busily engaged in investigating and preparing a report on the automatic coupling of railroad cars, as the percentage of injury and death caused by the present system has been so great that a reform in the system has been demanded.

"Highland" seems to be a popular name for a Tailway station among the mountains of Africa. There is a Highland station in Natal. There is another one of the same name in Kafirland, on the line between Port Elizabeth and Grahamston, beyond Alfeedule Junction.

When the Boers mobilized their forces it is said but they only called out the first levy of men,

between 18 and 34, some 25,000 in all. T ond levy would consist of those between 80. The third levy would sweep in eve else capable of bearing arms.

Essential Features.

(From the New York Press.)

To be deservedly popular it is not enough that a pianist retain "all his fire and dash."

He must also retain some of his learness and most of his hair.

"Within the next five years Missoati will startle the world," prophesics State Geologist Gallagher, in a recent interview, "with the great amount of lead, zinc, copper, nickel, cobalt, and coal mined in the State. Missouri is rich in these minerals, the richest of any State in the country."